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SUBJECT: OAU SUMMIT: NAMIBIA

REF: KHARTOUM 3273 (NOTAL)

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED
SUMMARY: SWAPO LEADER SAM NUJOMA ADDRESSED OAU SUMMIT
JULY 20 AND EXPANDED UPON SWAPO'S UNDERSTANDING OF LUANDA
AGREEMENT AND NEXT STEPS LEADING TO FULL INDEPENDENCE,
INCLUDING "FORTHCOMING MEETING OF UN SECURITY COUNCIL".
HE CALLED ON OAU AND AFRICAN GROUP AT UN TO ENSURE THAT
(A) WESTERN POWERS SUPPORT UNSC RESOLUTION ON WALVIS BAY
AS INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA, (B) REMAINING ENEMY FORCES BE
LOCATED AT ONE BASE UNDER STRICT CONDITIONS, AND (C)
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UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE HAVE PREPONDERANT AUTHORITY TO
APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE ACTS DURING TRANSITION PERIOD
LEADING TO INDEPENDENCE. OAU SUMMIT ADOPTED RESOLUTION ON
NAMIBIA JULY 21 WELCOMING LUANDA AGREEMENT AND REAFFIRMING
OAU SPOORT FOR SWAPO. END SUMMARY.

1. IN JULY 20 SPEECH, NUJOMA EXPLAINED TO OAU HEADS OF

STATE THAT LUANDA MEETING "CLARIFICATIONS AND RE-NEGOTIATIONS WERE NOT PERFECT, AS SWAPO WOULD HAVE LIKED THEM TO BE, YET WERE SATISFACTORY." HE SAID LUANDA COMMUNIQUE WAS NOT AN AGREEMENT TO CEASEFIRE. "CEASEFIRE WILL COME ONLY AFTER SECURITY COUNCIL ACTION, WHEN TIME-TABLE IS UNFOLDED AS CONTAINED IN PROPOSAL. IT DOES NOT SAY WESTERN PLAN HAS NOW BECOME OFFICIAL. THIS CAN ONLY HAPPEN AFTER SECURITY COUNCIL HAS ADOPTED SERIES OF ENABLING RESOLUTIONS. THEN AND ONLY THEN WOULD DECONOLNIZATION PROCESS BE SET IN MOTION. WHAT WE AGREED TO IN LUANDA WAS THE NECESSARY FRIST STEP IN PROCESS WHICH WILL END ONLY AFTER INDEPENDENCE HAS BEEN PROCLAIMED IN NAMIBIA. WE SEE END OF MEETING IN LUANDA AS MOMENTOUS VICTORY OF THE STRUGGLE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE UNDER REVOLUTIONARY LEADERSHIP OF SWAPO. WE ARE NOW MOVING TO NEW YORK FOR FORTHCOMING UNSC MEETING."

2. NUJOMA EXPRESSED HIS GRATITUDE TO OAU MEMBER STATES AND ADDED THAT SWAPO RELIES UPON AND EXPECTS QUOTE VISIBLE SOLIDARITY, VIGOROUS SUPPORT AND PRINCIPLED COUNSEL FROM AFRICAN LEADERS AND AFRICAN GROUP AT UN TO ENSURE THAT:

(A) THE WESTERN POWERS SUPPORT A RESOLUTION IN THE SECURITY COUNCIL GUARANTEEING THAT WALVIS BAY IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF NAMIBIA AND COMMIT THEMSELVES TO EXPEDITE ITS EARLY REINTEGRATION INTO NAMIBIA;

(B) THE REMAINING ENEMY FORCES ARE LOCATED AT ONE BASE UNDER STRICT AND ELABORATE CONDITIONS WHICH WILL
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PREVENT THEIR BEING USED FOR PURPOSES OF INTIMIDATION, AND REPRESSION OF THE NAIMBIAN PEOPLE AND AGGRESSION AGAINST NEIGHBORING STATES;

(C) THE UNITED NATIONS, THROUGH THE UN SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE TO BE APPOINTED BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, MUST HAVE AT HIS DISPOSAL PREPONDERANT POWER AND AUTHORITY TO APPROVE OR DISAPPROVE ACTS OR DECISIONS BY THE LOCAL COLONIAL REPRESENTATIVE OF SOUTH AFRICA, TO TO, IN THE OVERALL SCHEME OF THINGS, EXERCISE EFFECTIVE SUPERVISION AND CONTROL OVER TRANSITIONAL ADMINISTRATION, THE SECURITY MEASURES AND THE CONDUCT OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS. UNQUOTE

3. NUJOMA CAUTIONED AGAINST HASTY ACCELERATION OF DECOLONIZATION PROCESS BECAUSE IT COULD UNWITTINGLY PRECIPITATE CHAOS. HOWEVER, HE STATED "PROSPECTS FOR TOTAL LIBERATION OF NAMIBIA ARE EXCELLENT AND PROMISING."

4. HEADS OF STATE ADOPTED JULY 21 RESOLUTION SUPPORTIVE OF SWAPO, FRONTLINE STATES AND WESTERN EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO NAMIBIA QUESTION. QUOTE
RESOLUTION ON NAMIBIA SPONSORED BY THE FRONTLINE STATES, NIGERIA AND LIBERIA RES 1 (XV)

THE ASSEMBLY OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT,
MEETING IN ITS FIFTEENTH ORDINARY SESSION IN KHARTOUM,
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE SUDAN, FROM 18 TO 21 JULY 1978
RE-AFFIRMING ITS UNRESERVED SUPPORT OF THE STRUGGLE OF
THE PEOPLE OF NAMIBIA FOR SELF-DETERMINATION AND GENUINE
NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE,
MINDFUL OF THE SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNITED
NATIONAL OVER NAMIBIA,
RECALLING ALL RELEVANT UNITED NATIONS RESOLUTIONS ON
NAMIBIA, IN PARTICULAR SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 385
(1976),
HAVING HEARD THE STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT OF SWAPO ON
THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE STRUGGLE AND RECENT NEGOTIATIONS
TO BRING ABOUT A SETTLEMENT OF THE QUESTION OF NAMIBIA
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IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF SECURITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION 385 (1976)
HAVING ALSO BEEN INFORMED OF AN ACCORD REACHED IN LUANDA
ON JULY 12, 1978 BETWEEN SWAPO AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF
THE 5 WESTERN MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL ON THE PRO-
POSAL TO EFFECT A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT OF THE NAMIBIAN
QUESTION ON THE BASIS OF RESOLUTION 385.

1. WELCOMES THE AGREEMENT IN LUANDA REACHED BETWEEN SWAPO
AND THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE 5 WESTERN COUNTRIES;
2. RECOGNIZES THAT THIS AGREEMENT IS THE RESULT OF THE
VICTORIOUS STRUGGLE OF THE NAMIBIAN PEOPLE LED BY SWAPO
AND EFFECTIVELY SUPPORTED BY FREE AFRICA;
3. EXPRESSES ITS APPRECIATION TO SWAPO, WHICH HAS OVER
THE YEARS STOOD FIRM AND UNRELENTING IN THEIR GALLANT
AND COURAGEOUS STRUGGLE TO BRING FREEDOM AND INDEPENDENCE
TO NAMIBIA; AND COMMENDS SWAPO FOR ITS STEADFASTNESS AND
STATESMANSHIP IN BRINGING ABOUT THE LUANDA AGREEMENT;
4. REQUESTS THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE
U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL TO PROCEED EXPEDITOUSLY TOWARD
GIVING EFFECT TO RESOLUTION 385 AS A FOLLOW UP TO THE
LUANDA AGREEMENTS SO THAT NAMIBIA CAN BECOME INDEPENDENT
WITHIN 6 MONTHS AFTER DECOLONIZATION PROCESS HAS BEGUN.
5. DECLARES THAT THE UNITED NATIONS MUST HAVE EFFECTIVE
POWERS AND AUTHORITY TO EXERCISE SUPERVISION AND CONTROL
REGARDING THE TRANSITIONAL ADMINISTRATION, THE SECURITY
MEASURES AND CONDUCT OF THE ELECTORIAL PROCESS;
6. REAFFIRMS ITS SUPPORT OF THE UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL
FOR NAMIBIA AS THE SOLE LEGAL AUTHORITY FOR THE TERRITORY
UNTIL ITS INDEPENDENCE;
7. REQUESTS THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL TO MAIN-
TAIN CONSULTATIONS WITH AND KEEP THE UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL
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FOR NAMIBIA DULY INFORMED ON THE VARIOUS STAGES OF THE
PROCESS TO GIVE EFFECT TO RESOLUTION 385;
8. REQUESTS THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE OAU MAINTAIN CONTACT
WITH THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL TO ASSURE THAT ALL
MEASURES BE TAKEN SO THAT THE PROCESS SET IN MOTION
CONTINUES SMOOTHLY UNTIL INDEPENDENCE IS ACHIEVED
IN SUPPORT OF SWAPO; (THIS POINT IS UNOFFICIAL TEXT OF
AMENDMENT SUBMITTED BY GUINEA)
9. RE-ITERATES ITS UNEQUIVOCAL SUPPORT FOR SWAPO IN THE
STRUGGLE FOR THE TOTAL LIBERATION OF NAMIBIA. END QUOTE
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5. AS TANZANIAN FONMIN TOLD AMBASSADOR (REFTEL), NAMIBIAN
INDEPENDENCE PROCESS, SUPPORTED BY OAU IS GOING AHEAD
SUCESSFULLY. IT IS CERTAIN AFRICAN GROUP AT UN WILL SUP-
PORT FORCEFULLY SWAPO'S CONDITIONS AS SET OUT IN PARA 2
ABOVE.
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